

REMARKS

It is noted, with appreciation, that the Examiner has indicated that although claim 10 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As the Examiner will note, the allowable subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 9, and correspondingly claim 10 has been cancelled from the present application. Also, claims 2, 3, and 7 have been amended so as to be dependent from claim 9. In addition, claim 14 has been amended to eliminate the Examiner's rejection of this claim under 35 USC 112.

Accordingly, it is now believed the present application containing claims 2, 3, 7, 9, 11 and 14 is in condition for allowance and thus reconsideration of the rejections and objections and allowance of all of these claims are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

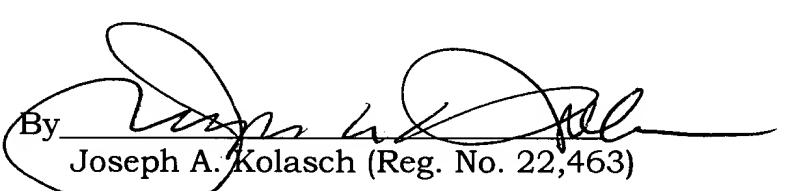
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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